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SUBJECT: AIR CLUB INTERNATIONAL

REF: BRUSSELS 5787; STATES 150778; & PREVIOUS:

1. APNAM BRUSSELS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED GO-AHEAD FROM PANAM NEW YORK AND ALL STRANDED ACI PASSENGERS HAVE RECIEVED AIR TICKETS AT COST OF \$58.00 EACH. PANAM HAS CONFIRMED BOOKINGS FOR GROUP (APPROXIMATELY 65 PERSONS) TO NEW YORK VIA AMSTERDAM ON JUNE 28.

2. SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

DEPART BRUSSELS JUNE 28 BY CHARTERED BUS FOR AMSTERDAM.

DEPART AMSTERDAM JUNE 28 VIA PANAM FLIGHT NO. 93 FOR NEW YORK.

DEPART NEW YORK JUNE 29 VIA PANAM FLIGHT NO.1 FOR SAN FRAN-
CISCO.

ONWARD TRAVEL SAN FRANCISCO TO SEATTLE NOT CONFIRMED.

3. FOR INFO SCS: CONSULAR OFFICER HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH LOCAL U.S. COMMUNITY TO HOUSE AND FEED STRANDEES OVER WEEKEND SHOULD TRAVEL PLANS NOT HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AND FURTHER DELAYS ENCOUNTERED SINCE GROUP'S FUNDS WERE DANGEROUSLY LOW AND MANY HAD SLEPT AT AIRPORT SINCE EVENING JUNE 24. ROBERT J. LECLAIR, A STRANDEE, DESERVES COMMENDATION. HE QUICKLY BECAME GROUP'S
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LITIES AND HUMANITARIAN QUALITIES THAT KEPT STRANDEES' MORALE HIGH IN SPITE OF DIFFICULT AND DISCOURAGING CIRCUMSTANCES. POST BELIEVES LETTER OF APPRECIATION MERITED FROM DEPARTMENT. LECLAIR'S ADDRESS: 47-656 MELEKULA ROAD, KANEOHE, HAWAII 96744.

4. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM GROUP THAT PERHAPS 250 POTENTIAL ACI STRANDEES ARE STILL IN EUROPE AND WILL RENDEZVOUS IN BRUSSELS FOR NON-EXISTENT ACI FLIGHTS TO U.S. ON JULY 8 AND JULY 22. GROUP REPORTS THAT LARGE GIRL SCOUT TROOP AMONG THOSE EXPECTED MEET IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 8. REQUEST URGENTLY THAT THIS INFORMATION BE VERIFIED FOR CORRECTNESS WITH RECORDS OF ACI AND JOEL EISENBERG, SEATTLE.

5. IF INFORMATION RE POTENTIAL FUTURE STRANDEES IS CORRECT, SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ASCERTAIN WITH CAB AND JOEL EISENBERG IF SAME TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS WILL APPLY. RENNER

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